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Epidemic plague.

The following is received from Consul-General Michael, at Calcutta, under date of May 22:

Plague still causes alarm throughout India. The disease is at its worst in Delhi, not withstanding that the heat is extreme, which ordinarily would lessen the virulence and activity of the disease. In Delhi from 100 to 120 cases are occurring daily. About 40,000 Hindus had fled from the city up to May 6. Merrut, with a smaller population, reports 200 deaths from plague daily. One large bazaar is entirely deserted. Aligarh is reported as a "dead city." The Hindus will not submit to inoculation. At Delhi the natives threw corpses of paupers who had died of the plague into the river and canal, although ample provision is made by the municipality for cremation.

Plague at Khyber.—The latest reports from Peshawar are to the effect that the plague is spreading to outlying districts, Charsadda and Jamrud being those most affected. One case occurred among the Europeans. Hundreds of people are leaving Peshawar.

Plague in Calcutta.—The status of plague in Calcutta continues to be about as it has been for some time past. The mortality reported from this disease is from 40 to 50 a day. On May 5 the number of deaths reported was 38, and on May 6, 54. Calcutta would be comparatively free from plague, cholera, and smallpox the year round but for the large native population which lives in filth and surrounded by unhygienic conditions. The health officer and the municipal authorities are doing all they can do to bring the entire city within hygienic control.

ITALY.

Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, July 1 and 8:

Vessels inspected at Naples week ended June 29, 1907.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 23	Montevideo	New York	426	50	650
26	Slavonia	do			
26	Romanic	Boston	1,255	250	1,680
26	Sicilian Prince	New York			
27	Neckar	do	932	180	1,350
27	Città di Milano	do	783	105	1,100
28	Liguria	do	1,243	165	1,250
	Total		4,639	750	6,030

Rejections recommended.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
June 23	Montevideo	15	.....	6	1	.....	22
26	Slavonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Romanic	26	1	20	.....	4	51
26	Sicilian Prince	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Neckar	35	4	21	.....	5	65
27	Città di Milano	26	2	8	.....	1	37
28	Liguria	30	2	11	.....	3	46
	Total	132	9	66	1	13	221

Vessels inspected at Naples and Palermo week ended July 6, 1907.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
July 3	Algeria	New York	393	60	650
4	Regina d'Italia	do	420	75	380
5	Königin Luise	do	611	90	750
	Total		1,424	225	1,780

PALERMO.

July 4	Algeria	New York	529	550	225
6	Regina d'Italia	do	239	300	200
	Total		768	850	425

Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
July 3	Algeria	21	1	3	1	4	30
4	Regina d'Italia	16	1	13	.....	5	35
5	Königin Luise	12	2	9	.....	5	28
	Total	49	4	25	1	14	93

PALERMO.

July 4	Algeria	14	.....	24	.....	2	40
6	Regina d'Italia	10	.....	18	.....	.....	28
	Total	24	.....	42	.....	2	68

Smallpox.—Week ended July 4, 1907. Cases: Venice 1, Budrio 4, Bazzano 1, Malalbergo, 8, Pruduro e Sasso (Bologna) 1, Gatteo (forts) 1, Ancona 4, Barbara (Ancona) 1, S. Egidio alla Vibrata (Teramo) 3, Morlupo 1, Monterotondo (Rome) 4, Terni (Perugia) 1, Rotondella 3, Acerenza 1, Montemilone 1, Bernalda (Potenza) 3, Pietraperzia 1, Vallelonga (Caltanissetta) 1.